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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Gas Company Proposal to Procure
Services and Equipment Necessary to Replace and Upgrade
the Company's Radio Data Network

6650-CG-198

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO determine whether Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC) should be authorized to procure services and equipment necessary to replace and upgrade the Company's Radio Data Network. WGC filed an application on February 9, 2000, for a certificate under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 133.03.

WGC is a gas public utility, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01 (5), with its principal office at 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. WGC is engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in the City of Milwaukee and its suburban areas and in other Wisconsin cities, villages, and towns.

WGC's proposal addresses the need for additional radio data transmission capacity for the efficiency, safety, and coordination of WGC operations. The current radio data network would be replaced using existing towers and installing new antennas and signal processing equipment. The total cost of the upgrade is estimated at \$1,217,508.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission, which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Tom M. Stemrich at (608) 266-2800.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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